

Newsletter to Parents

SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 4 Term 1

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

21 FEBRUARY 2018

Parent Information Evening

Next Tuesday, our teachers will be conducting our annual Parent Information Evening at the school. Two identical sessions will be conducted at 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm to provide you an opportunity to clarify class routines and expectations; highlight any special events throughout the year directly influencing your child's class, and meet your child's teacher.

The meetings shall be conducted in your child's classroom. This would be a great opportunity for you to provide your child's teacher with expressions of interest to volunteer in class or school based programs. Two sessions are held so that parents with multiple children at our school may attend different presentations.

School Office Hours

Please be aware that our school office is operational between the hours of 8:30am until 3:30pm each day.

Reporting Student Absences

Children that are absent from school can be reported in a number of ways:

- Utilise the School App to provide an electronic absentee note;
- Provide a written note to your child's teacher upon their return to school.
- Phone the school office between 8:30-3:30pm for each day your child is absent or specify clearly the period that leave will be applied;

Please avoid making appointments (especially re-occurring appointments) during school hours and taking children out of school for a long weekend.

New Staff

In 2018, we welcome two new teaching members to our school staff.

Mrs Kelli Shaunessy has transferred to our school and is teaching Year 5. With considerable teaching experience, Mrs Shaunessy is a real bonus for our school as she has a great passion for Sport and student wellbeing.

After many years working across numerous local schools, Mr Trevor Cochrane joins our staff for 2018 and will be teaching Year 3. We look forward to Mr Cochrane's involvement in various aspects of our school including Boys Education.

Welcome to our new students

New students and families continue to make Singleton Public School their school of choice. It is with pleasure that we welcome Nick (Yr 5), Atreyu (Yr 3), Jacob (Yr 4), Oliver (Yr 2), Jaydee (Yr 4), Rihann (Yr 5), Hirani (Yr 6) and Annabeth (K) to our school and hope that you have a great time with your new friends.

David Crowe
Principal

Calendar of Events

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|------------------------|--|
| Friday 23 February | Zone Swimming Carnival Young Teen Talk note due |
| Monday 26 February | Year 6 Young Teen Talk |
| Tuesday 27 February | Parent Information Sessions - see Page 5 - Session 1 5.00 - 5.30 pm - Session 2 5.30 - 6.00 pm Year 6 Young Teen Talk |
| Wednesday 7 March | Band Practice 8.00 am in school hall P&C AGM at 6.00 pm, followed by the general meeting at 6.30 pm held in Library |
| Friday 9 March | PSSA Netball trials held at Rose Point Park |
| Wednesday 14 March | ICAS test payment due - see Page 10 of this newsletter for details |
| Thursday 15 March | K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership presentation |
| Friday 16 March | Year 6 High School Expression of interest forms due to Year 6 teachers PSSA Soccer trials held at Muswellbrook |
| Thursday 29 March | Staff Development Day - students do not attend school |

The Week 4 assembly will be hosted by Year 1 at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

The Week 5 assembly will be hosted by 2PD at the starting time of 12.45 pm.

TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 1 – 29/1/18 – 13/4/18
(29/1/18 and 29/3/18 School Development Days)
Term 2 – 30/4/18 – 6/7/18
(30/4/18 School Development Day)
Term 3 – 23/7/18 – 28/9/18
Term 4 – 15/10/18 – 19/12/18
(20/12-21/12/18 School Development Days)

Supercover

The Supercover permission note is included in this newsletter. Payment and permission notes need to be paid to the office by Wednesday, 28 March.



Education

Student Council 2018

Each class from Years 3 to 5 have elected their representative for this year's Student Council. Along with our Year 6 Captains, Vice Captains and councillors these class councillors will represent their classmates and participate in the council role of fundraising, running assemblies and raising important issues brought to them by fellow students. We hope to have a fun and productive year.

This year our Council includes –

Year 6 Captains/Vice Captains

Charlie and Ruby (C)

Hamish and Kaitlin (VC)

Year 6 Councillors

| | |
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| Joe | Abbie |
| Harrison | Lucy |
| Lachlan | Alexis |

Year 3-5 Class Councillors

Ella
Lachie
Miley
Jazz
Ariel
Ewan
Mitchell



Scripture and Ethics 2018

Scripture at Singleton Public School will be the same format as last year. It will consist of an assembly type format.

Scripture begins on Wednesday of Week 5 (28 February). Year K-3 scripture will take place on this day. It will run from 12.00 pm until 1.00 pm in the hall. Year 4-6 will have their first scripture lesson in Week 6 from 12.00 pm until 1.00 pm in the hall. This means that each child will have fortnightly scripture lessons.

All children will attend scripture except for those pupils who have the following religions listed on their enrolment forms: cc denominational, Islam, Jehovah's Witness, Buddhism, Spiritualism, Judaism and Baha'i. If you do not wish your child/ren to attend scripture this year, a note needs to be handed in at the school office listing your child's name, their class and reason for exemption.

The children who will not be attending scripture now will be participating in PD/PE/Health lessons relating to social skills. The K-3 students will be part of the APEEL program whilst Year 4-6 will be undertaking the "Bounce Back" program. These programs will be taught by members of our staff.

There is also the possibility of Ethics classes being run during this time if there is sufficient interest to deliver the program. If you would like a Ethics classes permission form, please return the slip below to the school office and a form will be sent home with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs Scoles.

Gai Scoles
Organising Teacher

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Please return this form if you are interested in choosing ethics for your child in 2018.

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Additional Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

 Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to get the kids eating more fruit and veg!

Want to learn how to create easy, budget-friendly family meals, entice fussy eaters and eat well to prevent cancer?



Register for a FREE Fruit & Veg Sense workshop to get simple tips and ideas on:

- saving money by eating more fruit and veg;
- changing family favourites into healthy meals; and
- learning clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

All participants receive a FREE recipe book.

We have proven results that this workshop helps parents to eat more fruit and veg. And if you eat more fruit and veg, your children will too!

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Canteen Roster - Week 5, Term 1 2018

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| Mon 26/2/18 | Di Cooke, Monica Louw |
| Tues 27/2/18 | Elissa Tanner, Monica Louw |
| Wed 28/2/18 | Cara Roohan, Melaine Drew, Lisa Delaney |
| Thurs 1/3/18 | Melissa Wilson, Judi Wyllie, Maree Davidson |
| Fri 2/3/18 | Rachel Bourke, 2 more helpers please |

Canteen Roster - Week 6, Term 1 2018

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| Mon 5/3/18 | Carolyn Martin, Allison Hodge, Di Cooke |
| Tues 6/3/18 | Lisa Mortensen |
| Wed 7/3/18 | Cara Roohan, Claire Elgar |
| Thurs 8/3/18 | Kylie Broadbent, Nicole Furness, Todd Furness |
| Fri 9/3/18 | Maxine Kolinos, Sandy Tickell, 1 more helper please |

Please advise the Canteen if you have any changes to your rostered day.

Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. This fortnight's focus is:-

“ Respectful students show consideration to others”

Parent Online Payment Advice - send to school office

Student Name: _____ Class: _____
 Total Paid: _____ Date: _____
 Description of Payment: _____

Online Payment Receipt number: _____

Where applicable, please ensure that you also send the permission note back to the class teacher.

Singleton Pubic School Details

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|--------------|------------------------------|
| Phone | 02 6571 2250 |
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| Principal | David Crowe |
| AP ES1 | Christine Launders |
| AP Stage 1 | Katrina Hackett |
| AP Stage 2 | Sharmyn Zeidler (Relieving) |
| AP Stage 3 | Rachel Nichols |
| P&C Meetings | First Wednesday of the Month |

Bell Times

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|----------|-----------------------------|
| 8.40 am | Play |
| 9.10 am | Morning Muster - class time |
| 11.10 am | Eating time |
| 11.20 am | Lunch 1 |
| 11.40 am | Lunch 2 |
| 12.00 pm | Middle session |
| 1.30 pm | Recess |
| 2.00 pm | Afternoon session |
| 3.10 pm | Home |

Coles Dockets

Coles Sports for Schools is back to help Aussie kids stay fit and healthy. When you shop at Coles, you'll receive Sports for Schools vouchers that your local school can exchange for sports equipment. The more vouchers you collect, the more equipment Singleton Public School will receive. Start collecting today because the race is on!

Singleton Public School has two voucher collection boxes, one located outside the Parsonage Building and one located outside of the local Singleton Coles Store at Gowrie Street Mall.

Happy collecting!

Rachel Nichols
Organising Teacher

PSSA Cricket Trials

Well done to Lachlan, Clancy, Jayce, Hugo, Alex and Keanu who all trialled for the Upper Hunter PSSA cricket team. Congratulations must go to Lachlan, Keanu and Clancy who were selected to trial for the next level in September. Well done boys!

PSSA Tennis Trials

Congratulations to Kaitlin and Hugo who both trialled and have both progressed to the next level for Tennis. Well done Kaitlin and Hugo.



2018 Concert Band

Concert band had their first rehearsal on Wednesday, 14 February. With over 30 members in the band now, they are very loud but sound amazing! Well done to you all and thanks to the parents for getting their kids to school bright and early.

Kristy Dibley
Band Co-ordinator



Age Swimming Champions

Congratulations to Phoebe, Archie, Chelsea, Caleb, Lachie, Kaitlin and Joe who were our 2018 Swimming Age Champions. All these children were presented their medallions at the assembly held on Friday, 9 February.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Chris Wilkes from Breeze About Air Conditioning and Refrigeration for donating his time to repair the fridge in the Breakfast Club. The fridge plays an important part in keeping all of the Breakfast Club food cold and fresh and we appreciated your speedy response!

Information Nights

Coming up on Tuesday, 27 February are Parent Information Sessions (Kinder - Year 6). These sessions are run by each class/grade to give parents an indication of what they can expect for their child in 2018 eg routines, expectations, homework, etc. There will be two session times for each class for those families with more than one child. The times are 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm and 5.30 pm - 6.00 pm. The sessions will be held in classrooms.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2018

Year 6 have received a form "Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2019". It is information relating to Year 6 student's Year 7 enrolment in 2019. This form needs to be completed and returned to Singleton Public School by Friday, 16 March. This will allow the Year 6 teachers time to complete the details required to be forwarded to the selected High School. Please note that if you live in Singleton, the designated local secondary school for your child as per Section B of the enrolment form titled "Placement at your local government school", is Singleton High School. If you live in Branxton or Rothbury, your designated High School is Rutherford Technology High. If you do not require a place in a government school, please complete Section E and return the form to the school.

Upper Hunter PSSA Zone Selection Dates

The following dates are for the Upper Hunter Zone, PSSA Selection Trials for 2018. The criteria stipulated by the selectors are that the student is competent and knowledgeable in the sport. These trials are for open age teams and the students competing will be up to 13 years of age. Participants are selected from Years 5 and 6. If you believe that your child is eligible to compete and you would like him/her to attend the selection trials, please inform the school in writing and the relevant information and permission note will be provided closer to the trials date.

Please be aware that it is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to provide your child's transport to the venue and to provide supervision during the day. There will be no teachers from Singleton Public School attending the trials unless they are co-ordinating the trials. **Please note: these dates may change.**

| Sport | Date | Venue |
|------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Zone Swimming | 23/2/18 | Singleton |
| Zone AFL | 1/3/18 | TBC |
| Zone Netball | 9/3/18 | Singleton |
| Zone Soccer (Football) | 16/3/18 | Muswellbrook |
| Zone Rugby League | 23/03/18 | Muswellbrook |
| Zone Touch | 28/3/18 | Aberdeen |
| Zone Rugby Union | 9/5/18 | TBC |
| Zone Cross Country | 8/5/18 | Muswellbrook |
| Zone Golf | TBC | TBC |
| Zone Athletics | 15/8/18 | TBC |

Canberra Year 6 2018

The Year 6 Canberra excursion will be here very shortly. The excursion cost for students has now been confirmed at \$585.00. This means there is **\$535.00** outstanding after paying the \$50 deposit. The cost for parents attending the excursion will be **\$665.00**.

All payments need to be paid to the office by Thursday, 29 March. This is a Staff Development Day although the office staff will be at school on this day to receive payments. No payment can be accepted after this day.

School App

To all new families to our school please make sure that you download our School App. This will keep you up to date with what's happening in the school. Please see page 8 for instructions on how to download it.

Statement of Accounts

The Statement of Accounts have been sent home last week. Items that may be listed on Statement of Accounts include voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levy, the Supercover shows, Canberra excursion, instrument hire, etc. For those families that have a child/ren in Year 6, you may have an opening balance on your Statement of Account, this is \$300.00 less any payments made for Canberra that was invoiced last year so families could start making payments. Thank you to those families who have already paid.

Please note: As the first visiting show is when Year 6 are in Canberra, unfortunately Supercover will have no economical benefit to Year 6 this year.

Canteen News

We have had a great start to 2018 with lots of new happy faces to feed.

A massive thank you to all of our new and returning volunteers that have committed to shifts on our 4 week rotating roster. We still need a few more people to volunteer, particularly on Thursdays or Fridays.

The work is easy and fun, the canteen is a happy place to be, we will feed and caffeinate you too! We need volunteers between 9.00 am & 2.00 pm daily. Most of the work is between 9.00 & 11.00 am where we are busy preparing lunch orders. Once these are done and the children have been served for lunch we have our lunch then bake and restock for the next day. Recess counter service is between 1.30 pm and 1.45 pm. Lisa or Tracy will always be there to guide you and believe me when I say, that we simply cannot do it without our generous volunteers!

Please contact Lisa if you would like to come and join our canteen on 0438 142 692 or Lisa.Kramers1@det.nsw.edu.au.

I have attached a copy of the roster to see where there are vacancies, but if the day you can do is already filled, please still give me a call as we always need more helpers.

Lisa Kramers & Tracy Matthews - Canteen

Supercover

The school has once again decided to implement the "Supercover" system in 2018. Supercover will only be available to those families who have paid their voluntary school contribution at the beginning of the year (\$60.00).

What is Supercover?

"Supercover" is an **optional** fee that can be paid at the start of the year for each student. (Individual payment for the shows and excursions that Supercover includes, is still possible as the events occur through the year should you choose not to take the Supercover option.)

The cost is \$20.00 which can be paid in advance for the following shows and includes a discount per child:-

- Hunter Life Education Van;
- 1 x Visiting Show;
- Military Museum Excursion.

The system is much easier for both parents and carers and for the administration staff because there will be less money coming in small amounts and less permission notes. Please note: Permission notes will still be sent home to all children when the shows and excursions are coming up. It will state on the permission note if the event is covered by Supercover. If you have paid Supercover, there will be no need to return the permission note. There are no refunds available under the Supercover scheme.

When will Supercover need to be paid?

Supercover will need to be paid before Wednesday, 28 March 2018. The three Supercover shows will be included on your family's Statement of Account until this date. After 28 March, the prices will be increased to the non-discounted price.

The permission note included in this newsletter will need to be filled out to give your child permission to attend Hunter Life Education Van, the visiting show and the Military Museum Excursion.

Year 6 Young Teen Talk

As part of this school's 'Personal Development' program, Year 6 students are invited to take part in a presentation called 'Young Teen Talk'. This year the P&C are happy to pay for all the Year Six students to attend!

'Young Teen Talk' is a multi-media presentation which runs for two 80 minute sessions and is presented by Susie Blackwood, a registered nurse, midwife and sexuality educator. It supports nine learning outcomes of the Stage Three, PDHPE syllabus.

Topics include:

Friendships, Respect, Self Esteem, Families, Same Sex, Life Skills, Hygiene, STI's Drug and Alcohol, Emotions, Harm Minimization Strategies, Anatomy and Physiology, Changes in Puberty, Sexual Intercourse, Conception, Foetal Development and Birth.

The Year 6 sessions will be held on MONDAY, 26 February and TUESDAY, 27 February 2018 beginning at 9.20 am with each group participating on a separate day. **This program is funded by the P & C.**

Please return the permission note to your child's teacher by Friday, 23 February 2018.

Di Merrick and Robyn Dibben

Year 6 Teachers

Hours of Supervision

Please be aware that the school does not provide supervision prior to 8.40 am. Children should not arrive at school before this time as no teachers will be on duty. **Children are dismissed promptly at 3.10 pm.** Arrangements should be made for all children to be collected as soon as possible after they are dismissed. Please write a short note to your child's teacher if you have arranged alternate travel or collection plans to assist us in caring for your child. The gates on Hunter Street can be closed as early as 3.30 pm depending on staff commitments and the gates on Elizabeth Street are closed after the last bus leaves the school. Please ensure travel arrangements are confirmed with your child at the start of the day.

Receipting of Money

For security reasons the school office does not receipt any money after **12.30 pm** each day. As our banking is done at that time, this ensures that no large amounts of cash are held on the premises after hours. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Personal Information

It is vitally important that the school has current contact details for all of our students. Please contact the Office if you have changed phone numbers, employment or address in the past few months and ensure that your details are correct. Changes in family circumstances should be advised as soon as possible. It is also important to remember to keep emergency contact details up to date as well.

Waiting Areas after School

Please be mindful that school finishes at 3.10 pm. It is important for your child that you wait in the playground areas and not outside the classrooms as it becomes a distraction during your child's learning time.

However, if you would like to help out as a volunteer within the classroom, please see your class teacher at a suitable time. Thanks for your assistance in providing a high quality education for your child.

Nut Allergies

A reminder that there are children in our school who have life threatening allergies to nuts. This includes all nut products including peanut butter and Nutella. Even a trace of peanut butter on another child's breath or coming in touch with some residual peanut butter from eating lunch can be fatal for children who are anaphylactic. Please support these children by not sending your child to school with any nut products.

Support Unit News

Welcome back to all our Support Unit students for 2018 and a very big warm welcome to our new Kindergarten student Aiden.

This year we are planning to go horse riding throughout Term 2 only, it will be a weekly event each Thursday for selected students. This year we have been fortunate enough to have received full funding from the Singleton Op shop for this activity. Notes have gone home already, please ensure paperwork is completed and returned as soon as possible so planning can be in place on time, thank you.

7B will continue with their cooking program and work towards attending the Coffee shop monthly. These activities will cost \$2.50 per week which can be paid per term if this is easier.

7B will also be going to Aussie Bush Camp again later this year with selected students. Information regarding this excursion will be sent home later in the year.

Students from both classes will attend integration with mainstream classes, Aboriginal Culture groups, assemblies, and sport and swimming carnivals throughout the year.

Please ensure any notes and monies are returned to classroom Teacher or SLSO.

Parents are welcome to discuss their child's progress and wellbeing at anytime, please contact the classroom teacher for a convenient time.

We look forward to working together with our students and families for a productive and exiting year!

Kind Regards

7W – Teacher - Jo Whalan SLSO - Judy Sattler

7B – Teacher - Elaine Bunnemeyer SLSO - Denise Upward



SATURDAY 10 MARCH, 2018

FESTIVALS

These festivals offer opportunities for young girls to engage in additional skill development sessions to improve their confidence and coordination, and will include fun football games. An opportunity to engage and celebrate with other enthusiastic girls, and a chance for girls aged 4 to 11 to experience football before the 2018 season starts.

Limited spaces apply, register now!

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018

Time: 9am to 11am

Cost: \$22 pp - each participant will receive a rebel Female Football Week shirt and drink bottle.

Locations: Speers Point + Singleton + Lennox Head + Taree + Coffs Harbour + Tamworth

REGISTER: www.northernnswfootball.com.au/female-football-week



Singleton PCYC 10 Week Holistic Health and Wellbeing Program for Women

FREE TO ARMY FAMILIES

Register your interest on 6572 1653

Childminding available

All classes 10am – 12pm except first aid

Meals and Beverages provided

Cardiovascular Fitness Class – March 5th

First Aid Course – March 12th 8am – 4pm

Dealing with Shift Work – March 19th

Zumba – March 26th

Mental Health and Wellbeing – April 9th

Women's Self Defence – April 16th

Massage and Relaxation Therapy – April 23rd

Yoga – April 30th

Accessing Employment Opportunities – May 7th

Accessing Community Services – May 14th



Subject: Our School App is Live!!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has some great news to share with you. Our school smartphone mobile app is available

on both the Apple and Android networks for you to download and start using. These instructions will help you:-

How to Install Our School App

On Apple

- On your iPhone open the app store
- Search for our school name
- Press Install
- Enter your iTunes password
- It will commence downloading immediately

Android/Google Play

- On your SmartPhone open the Android/Google Play market
- Search for our school name
- Press install
- Your app will start installing instantly

To Open Our School App

- Look for our schools app icon on your phone screen
- Press the icon once
- It will open automatically
- When prompted select OK to use your current location and OK to send you Push Notifications (this will make sure the google maps and pop-up alerts work for you)
- Read the information on the screen, and swipe to the left and click on Get Started. You will now be able to select the icons at the bottom of screen to view the School Calendar, Newsletter, Messages and other features.

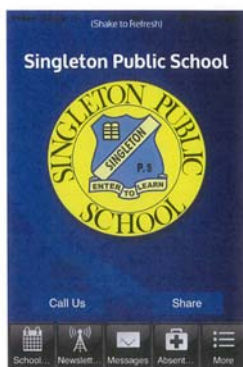
If you encounter troubles:-

- Shut down the app and or your phone to refresh the phones memory
- Uninstall your app and reinstall it
- Contact www.activeschoolapps.com.au/support for help within 48 hours.

If you are not receiving the notifications/messages:-

- You may have not selected OK to allow the App to use your current location or OK to send you the Push Notifications:-
 - To change current location - On your device select Settings, Privacy, Location Services, scroll down to the Singleton PS App and allow.
 - To change push notifications - On your device select Settings, Notification Centre, scroll down to the Singleton PS App and select it. Change the settings.

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SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

THURSDAY 29 March, 2018

NO SCHOOL FOR SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ON THIS DAY

Dear Parents & Carers,

Further to earlier notifications, I wish to confirm with you that the staff of Singleton Public School will be engaged in a day of professional learning on Thursday 29 March, therefore there will be no lessons or supervision provided on this date.

Effectively this day will count as the allocated School Development Day (SDD) for Term 3, which means students will attend school on Monday 23 July.

During the School Development Day, staff will be actively engaged in a professional learning course to assist gaining greater knowledge and skills in the teaching of writing.

Please note that these changes are specific to Singleton Public School and do not affect the operation of other local schools. Singleton Public School will be advising all transport providers of these changes.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or questions regarding these arrangements.

David Crowe

David Crowe

Principal

13/2/18

Kindergarten 2018

Welcome to our new Kindergarten students.

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KDM and 7W



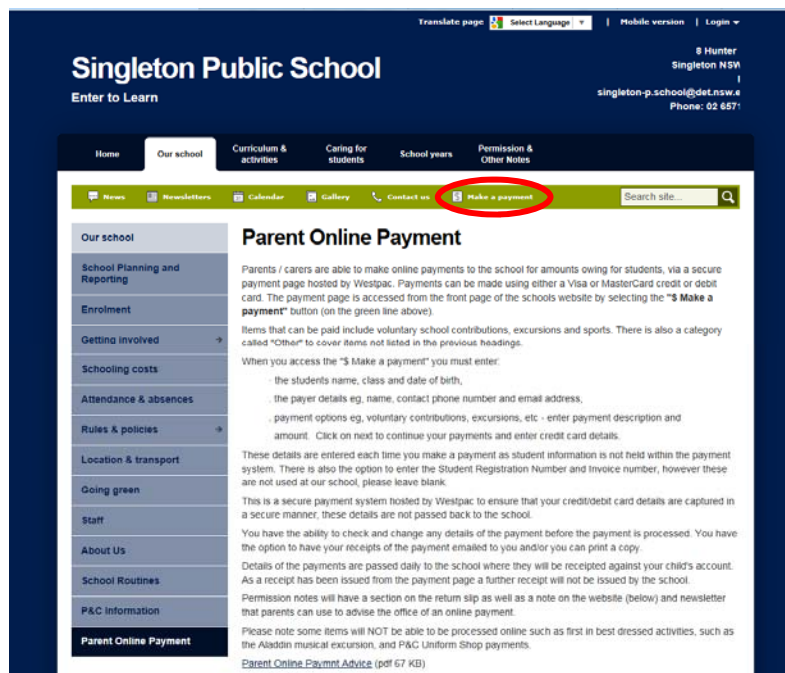
Parent Online Payment (POP)

Our Parent Online Payment system is available for your easy access to paying your school voluntary contributions, P&C Levy, excursions, etc. A tab appears on the school website under "Our School" called "Parent Online Payment" - <http://www.singleton-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/parent-online-payment>.

This tab explains the use of the new Parent Online Payment system including some instructions and a payment advice.

Please remember that some payments cannot be done through the system such as first in best dressed excursions, payments for the school group photos for MSP Photography in Term 2, payments for the P&C movie ticket fundraiser.

Please note: the parent online payments work most successfully on a computer. They do not always work on phones or Ipad.



University of New South Wales ICAS Tests

Each year the University of New South Wales offers students across the world the opportunity to participate in a number of tests across a number of curriculum areas for children in Year 3-12.

These tests are the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) and occur through the year. A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level by our team of subject matter experts.

All ICAS tests are reviewed by experienced teachers to ensure that they accurately assess students' skills and are relevant to what they are learning at school. Each test is sat at the student's school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions.

This year we are offering for any interested children from Years 3-6 the chance to participate in the following UNSW competitions:

- Digital Technologies (Computer Skills): Tuesday, 8 May
- Science : Tuesday, 29 May
- English: Tuesday, 31 July
- Mathematics: Tuesday, 14 August

Each of these tests costs parents \$9.00. If you would like your child or children in Years 3-6 to participate in any of the tests please complete the form below and **return it with payment to the school by Wednesday, 14 March**. Unfortunately we will be unable to accept late entries.

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Childs Name _____ Child's Class _____ (return to office by Wednesday, 14 March 2018)

Tests I would like my child to participate in:

English / Mathematics / Science / Computer Skills

(Please cross out whichever is not applicable)

Each tests costs \$9.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Signed: _____



Library Lover's Day—14th February

Last Wednesday we celebrated Library Lover's Day in the school library. Children were able to join in a number of activities including making their own bookmarks, designing the cover of a book they'd like to read and making origami heart bookmarks. Special thanks to all the staff who helped decorate the library for the day.



Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 23 February at the Singleton Swim and Gym. The carnival will commence at 9.00 am but competitors will need to be at the pool by 8.30 am. Please meet Mrs Foster inside the pool. The cost is \$7.00 to be paid to the school office by Thursday, 22 February and a \$3.30 pool entry is to be paid on the day of the carnival. Students that qualified for zone swimming would have received a note home on Monday. Students are to make their own way to the pool and bring food, water, sunscreen, swimmers and towel. Please wear swimmers under school uniform.

Good Luck to all swimmers.

Sharmyn Zeidler
Organising Teacher

SPS Volunteer Canteen Roster 2018

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WEEK 1 | Di Cooke | Elissa Tanner | Cara Roohan | Melissa Wilson | Rachel Bourke |
| | Monica Louw | Monica Louw | Melanie Drew | Judi Wyllie | Bobbie Burrell |
| | Gabby Cooper | | Lisa Delaney | 1 more helper please | 1 more helper please |
| | 26-Feb-18 | 27-Feb-18 | 31-Jan-18 | 01-Feb-18 | 02-Feb-18 |
| | 26-Mar-18 | 27-Mar-18 | 28-Feb-18 | 01-Mar-18 | 02-Mar-18 |
| | 21-May-18 | 22-May-18 | 28-Mar-18 | 29-Mar-18 | |
| | 18-Jun-18 | 19-Jun-18 | 23-May-18 | 24-May-18 | 25-May-18 |
| | 13-Aug-18 | 14-Aug-18 | 20-Jun-18 | 21-Jun-18 | 22-Jun-18 |
| | 10-Sep-18 | 11-Sep-18 | 15-Aug-18 | 16-Aug-18 | 17-Aug-18 |
| | 05-Nov-18 | 06-Nov-18 | 12-Sep-18 | 13-Sep-18 | 14-Sep-18 |
| | 03-Dec-18 | 04-Dec-18 | 07-Nov-18 | 08-Nov-18 | 09-Nov-18 |
| | | | 05-Dec-18 | 06-Dec-18 | 07-Dec-18 |

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| WEEK 2 | Carolyn Martin | Lisa Mortensen | Cara Roohan | Kylie Broadbent | Maxine Kolinos |
| | Allison Hodge | | Claire Elgar | Nicole Furness | Sandy Tickell |
| | Di Cooke | | | Todd Furness | 1 more helper please |
| | 05-Feb-18 | 06-Feb-18 | 07-Feb-18 | 08-Feb-18 | 09-Feb-18 |
| | 05-Mar-18 | 06-Mar-18 | 07-Mar-18 | 08-Mar-18 | 09-Mar-18 |
| | | 03-Apr-18 | 04-Apr-18 | 05-Apr-18 | 06-Apr-18 |
| | | 01-May-18 | 02-May-18 | 03-May-18 | 04-May-18 |
| | 28-May-18 | 29-May-18 | 30-May-18 | 31-May-18 | 01-Jun-18 |
| | 25-Jun-18 | 26-Jun-18 | 27-Jun-18 | 28-Jun-18 | 29-Jun-18 |
| | | 24-Jul-18 | 25-Jul-18 | 26-Jul-18 | 27-Jul-18 |
| | 20-Aug-18 | 21-Aug-18 | 22-Aug-18 | 23-Aug-18 | 24-Aug-18 |
| | 17-Sep-18 | 18-Sep-18 | 19-Sep-18 | 20-Sep-18 | 21-Sep-18 |
| | 15-Oct-18 | 16-Oct-18 | 17-Oct-18 | 18-Oct-18 | 19-Oct-18 |
| | 12-Nov-18 | 13-Nov-18 | 14-Nov-18 | 15-Nov-18 | 16-Nov-18 |
| | 10-Dec-18 | 11-Dec-18 | 12-Dec-18 | 13-Dec-18 | 14-Dec-18 |

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| WEEK 3 | Morgan Lees | Evette Anderson | Cara Roohan | Melissa Wilson | Rebecca Cooke |
| | Di Cooke | | Amanda Gilmore | Maree Davidson | Craig Cooke |
| | Aleks Jelaca | | | Kristy Bell | Amy Stone |
| | 12-Feb-18 | 13-Feb-18 | 14-Feb-18 | 15-Feb-18 | 16-Feb-18 |
| | 12-Mar-18 | 13-Mar-18 | 14-Mar-18 | 15-Mar-18 | 16-Mar-18 |
| | 09-Apr-18 | 10-Apr-18 | 11-Apr-18 | 12-Apr-18 | 13-Apr-18 |
| | 07-May-18 | 08-May-18 | 09-May-18 | 10-May-18 | 11-May-18 |
| | 04-Jun-18 | 05-Jun-18 | 06-Jun-18 | 07-Jun-18 | 08-Jun-18 |
| | 02-Jul-18 | 03-Jul-18 | 04-Jul-18 | 05-Jul-18 | 06-Jul-18 |
| | 30-Jul-18 | 31-Jul-18 | 01-Aug-18 | 02-Aug-18 | 03-Aug-18 |
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| | 24-Sep-18 | 25-Sep-18 | 26-Sep-18 | 27-Sep-18 | 28-Sep-18 |
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| WEEK 4 | Di Cooke | Tony Whiting | Cara Roohan | Kylie Page | Maxine Kolinos |
| | Anna Adamthwaite | | Julie Thomas | Kirsten Roxburgh | Bobbie Burrell |
| | Sally Menere | | | 1 more helper please | 1 more helper please |
| | 19-Feb-18 | 20-Feb-18 | 21-Feb-18 | 22-Feb-18 | 23-Feb-18 |
| | 19-Mar-18 | 20-Mar-18 | 21-Mar-18 | 22-Mar-18 | 23-Mar-18 |
| | 14-May-18 | 15-May-18 | 16-May-18 | 17-May-18 | 18-May-18 |
| | | 12-Jun-18 | 13-Jun-18 | 14-Jun-18 | 15-Jun-18 |
| | 06-Aug-18 | 07-Aug-18 | 08-Aug-18 | 09-Aug-18 | 10-Aug-18 |
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| | 29-Oct-18 | 30-Oct-18 | 31-Oct-18 | 01-Nov-18 | 02-Nov-18 |
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Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 2 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| KDM | Cooper Lara | KL | Leah Harvey |
| KS | Alana Zac | 1LF | Matilda Matthew |
| 1S | Liam Adyson | 1H | Macey Danika |
| 2J | Zahra Hamish | 2L | Savannah Hannah |
| 2PD | Nate Sybella | 3A | Mitchell Cohen Tristan |
| 3C | Sabine Zoe Recce | 4B | Lauren Bailey |
| 3/4Z | Acacia Reece | 4/5R | Harrison Riley Joey |
| 5K | Beau Keanu Indi | 5S | Borden Emily Heath |
| 6D | Tommy Abbie Harry | 6M | Kristie Tahi Hirani |
| 7B | - | 7W | - |

Thank You Paul

The school just want to say a big thank you to Indi's step-dad for replanting the Memory garden outside 5K's classroom. He has done a great job! It looks fantastic! Please be encouraged to take a lot more care around the garden.



Congratulations to our assembly award winners for Term 1, Week 3 2018

CLASS AWARD RECIPIENTS K - 6

Assembly Awards

| | | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| KDM | Alby Chevy | KL | Bronte Ruby |
| KS | Lawson Gemma | 1FL | James Olivia |
| 1S | Stella Harvey | 1H | Jaek Lila |
| 2J | Harry Molly | 2L | Jake Seth |
| 2PD | Shannon Flynn | 3A | Chloe Hudson Bayley |
| 3C | Taylor Ewan Isabella | 4B | Bobbie Mia C Lily |
| 3/4Z | Jai Lillian Nash | 4/5R | Jordan Miley Jack |
| 5K | Cooper Aiden Caitlin | 5S | Ruby Matthew Jimmy |
| 6D | Madison Abbie Hugh | 6M | Brayden Jenna Ethan |
| 7B | Kaiden , Marcus | 7W | Bella |

Singleton Stars

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Early Stage 1 | Layla | Stage 1 | Ava |
| Stage 2 | Lauren | Stage 3 | Byron |

Super Citizens

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|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| KL | Lucy | 3C | Max |
| 1H | Macy Trowbridge | 4B | Lilly |
| 2L | Matthew | 6M | Sam |

2018 Classes

The Singleton Public School 2018 classes are:

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|------|---|
| KDM | Miss Meg Drinan / Miss Fiona Moon |
| KL | Mrs Christine Launder (Assistant Principal Early Stage 1) |
| KS | Mrs Gai Scoles |
| 1FL | Mrs Julie Foster / Mrs Tanya Leighton |
| 1H | Mrs Katrina Hackett (Assistant Principal Stage 1) |
| 1S | Mrs Lisa Smith |
| 2L | Miss Lucy Parker |
| 2J | Mr Sam Johnson |
| 2PD | Mrs Teresa Price / Mrs Kristy Dibley |
| 3A | Mrs Cheryl Alaban |
| 3C | Mr Trevor Cochrane |
| 3/4Z | Ms Sharmyn Zeilder (Relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2) |
| 4B | Mrs Cathy Black |
| 4/5R | Mrs Rachel Nichols / Miss Robyn Edgar (Assistant Principal Stage 3) |
| 5K | Mrs Kelli Shaunessy |
| 5S | Miss Julie Sullivan |
| 6 | Mrs Robyn Dibben |
| 6M | Mrs Di Merrick |
| 7B | Mrs Elaine Bunnemeyer |
| 7W | Mrs Joanne Whalan |



PERMISSION NOTE – Supercover (please complete even if you have already paid separately)

Return to class teacher by Wednesday, 28 March 2018 if you would like to use Supercover.

I give permission for my child of class
to :-

- Attend the visiting show at the school in Week 10, Term 1;
- Attend the Hunter Life Education Van at the school in Term 2;
- Attend an excursion to the Military Museum where students will travel by bus in Week 9, Term 1.

Signed:

Parent/Guardian

Enclosed: \$ \$20.00 for Supercover if you have already paid your School Contribution
OR \$80.00 for School Contribution and Supercover

My son/daughter has the following special needs (please provide full details and include any relevant medical details).

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☐ I have made an online payment for the amount of \$_____ on _____ (date).
My receipt number is _____.

Classwork by KS

My first
Self portrait



Kinder Class KS
1 February 2018
Singleton Public School

My first
Self portrait



Kinder Class KS
1 February 2018
Singleton Public School

Zack

My first
Self portrait



Kinder Class KS
1 February 2018
Singleton Public School

Larry

My first
Self portrait



Kinder Class KS
1 February 2018
Singleton Public School

Gemma

My first
Self portrait



Kinder Class KS
1 February 2018
Singleton Public School

Lucas

My first
Self portrait



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